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Helena, Montana Senate Chambers
January 11, 2021 State Capitol

Senate convened at 1:00 p.m. President Blasdel presiding. Invocation by Pastor Steve Bostrom. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All members present. Quorum present.

BILLS AND JOURNALS (Keenan, Chair):

1/11/2021

Correctly printed: SB 80, SB 81, SB 82, SB 89, SB 90.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Senator Kary introduced the Pages for the coming week:

Jacob Garcia from Helena, sponsored by Senator Vance. Micah Hansen from Beavercreek, Ohio, sponsored by Senator McGillvray.

Senator Cohenour called for a moment of silence to honor U.S. Capitol police officers and other law enforcement personnel at risk in the performance of their duties.

Senator Glimm called for a moment of silence to honor Maverick Branch, a 9-yr-old boy from Kila, Montana.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RULES (Smith, Chair):

1/11/2021

SJ 1, introduced joint resolution, be amended as follows:

1. Page 3, line 21.

Strike: "address and location"

Insert: "city and state"

2. Page 13, line 21.Following: "Revenue"Strike: "and Transportation"

3. Page 14, line 2 through page 15, line 17.

Following: "committees." on line 2

Strike: remainder of line 2 through "Committee" on page 15, line 17

- **Insert:** "(1) During an interim when the Legislature is not in session, the committees listed in subsection (2) are the interim committees of the Legislature. They are empowered to sit as committees and may act in their respective areas of responsibility.
- (2) (a) The following are interim committees of the Legislature:
- (i) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee;
- (ii) Economic Affairs Interim Committee;
- (iii) Education Interim Committee;
- (iv) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:
- (v) Law and Justice Interim Committee;
- (vi) Local Government Interim Committee;
- (vii) Revenue Interim Committee;
- (viii) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee;
- (ix) State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee;
- (x) Transportation Interim Committee; and
- (xi) Water Policy Interim Committee.
- (b) For the purposes of this rule, the Environmental Quality Council is also considered an interim committee.
- (3) The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate are ex officio voting members of each interim committee for the sole purpose of breaking a tie vote on a question before an interim committee involving an interim committee objection to an administrative rule pursuant to Title 2, chapter 4, MCA.
- (4) Fifty percent of interim committees must be selected to the extent possible from the following legislative standing committees:
- (a) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee;
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee:
- (iii) House Human Services Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (b) Economic Affairs Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee;
- (ii) Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee;
- (iii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iv) Senate Energy Committee;
- (v) House Agriculture Committee;
- (vi) House Business and Labor Committee;
- (vii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and
- (viii) House Appropriations Committee;
- (c) Education Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee:
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House Education Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (d) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Energy Committee;
- (ii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee;

- (iii) House Appropriations Committee; and
- (iv) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (e) Law and Justice Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Judiciary Committee;
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House Judiciary Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (f) Local Government Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Local Government Committee;
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House Local Government Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (g) Revenue Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Taxation Committee;
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House Taxation Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (h) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate State Administration Committee;
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House State Administration Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (i) State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee:
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee:
- (j) Transportation Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Highways and Transportation Committee;
- (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (iii) House Transportation Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (k) Water Policy Interim Committee:
- (i) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee;
- (ii) Senate Natural Resources Committee;
- (iii) Senate Fish and Game Committee;
- (iv) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (v) House Agriculture Committee;
- (vi) House Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Committee;
- (vii) House Natural Resources Committee; and
- (viii) House Appropriations Committee"
- 4. Page 17, line 20 through line 21.

Following: "House" on line 20

Strike: "," on line 20 through "House," on line 21

Insert: "and"

5. Page 17, line 21.

Following: the first "Senate"

Strike: ", and the minority leader of the Senate"

6. Page 17, line 22.

Strike: "20" Insert: "38"

7. Page 17, line 22.

Following: "requests."

Insert: "The minority leader of the House and the minority leader of the Senate may each direct the staff of the Legislative Services Division to assign a higher priority to 20 draft requests."

And, as amended, do pass.

SR 1, introduced resolution, be amended as follows:

1. Page 24, line 27.

Following: "Senate."

Insert: "A call of the Senate is not in order if a majority of Senators are physically and remotely present."

2. Page 25, line 5.

Following: "call."

Insert: "When a quorum has been achieved under the call, the call is automatically lifted."

3. Page 26, line 6. **Strike:** "two-thirds"

Insert: "three-fifths"

4. Page 28, line 11. Following: "motion" Strike: "amend or"

5. Page 28, line 11. **Strike:** "two-thirds" **Insert:** "three-fifths"

And, as amended, be adopted.

Without objection, committee reports were adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE

House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:

1/8/2021

HB 1, introduced by L. Jones

FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS

The following Senate bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

- SB 91, introduced by G. Vance, referred to State Administration.
- SB 92, introduced by G. Vance, referred to State Administration.
- **SB 93**, introduced by G. Vance, referred to State Administration.
- **SB 94**, introduced by S. Webber, referred to State Administration.

The following Senate bill, previously introduced, was referred to committee:

SB 90, introduced by J. Small, referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

The following House bill was introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:

HB 1, introduced by L. Jones (by request of the Legislative Council), referred to Finance and Claims.

MOTIONS

Majority Leader Smith moved that **SB 64** be taken from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Highways and Transportation Committee.

Without objection, so ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Majority Leader Smith moved the Senate adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

MARILYN MILLER Secretary of the Senate MARK BLASDEL President of the Senate